



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 135 – August 2009

### Summer – what summer

We had the lambs, and a warm spring, but the forecast BBQ summer turned out to be the wettest July since 1888. It was lucky that we did not have a village Fayre planned for this year let alone a BBQ – (although the evening on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug apparently was very successful for the village BBQ).

### Forthcoming events

**Gnomes Lunch** ..... 16<sup>th</sup> Aug  
**Stream Dipping** ..... 5<sup>th</sup> Sep  
**Coffee Mornings..** Restarting 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
**Safari Supper** ..... 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

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A **Gnomes lunch** is planned (or perhaps was held - by the time you get this Newsletter) for **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug at 12.30** in the Mission Hall. This very popular event is publicised with leaflets posted around the village with Dave Emery noted as the contact. A good meal is guaranteed from the gnomes.

**Stream Dipping** A children's stream dipping morning is being organised for **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** by the biodiversity group. For more information or to register, please call Louise Sheaves on 833338.



**Coffee Mornings** return on the **first Friday** in October (**2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**) and will continue each month for the following 6 months.

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### Safari Supper



The Mission Hall trust is arranging a safari supper on **14<sup>th</sup> November**. Starting at 7.00 in the Mission Hall you will get aperitifs, your itinerary for the evening ready for your trip out for starters and main course. Deserts will be served back at the hall (which allows people a little further from the centre of the village to participate). Coffee will bring the

evening to an end. Book your place with Susanne on 835353 and let her know which course you would like to provide. Cost is anticipated to be £8 each.

### Report of events

**Walks** – This years Society walks seem a long while ago – occurring back in June. Around 30 walkers enjoyed the Day Walk on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June on a very warm day. With our summers weather being "one hot one day and wet the next", Richard obviously got it right on that day with a start point at Hardy's monument.

The **Evening Walk** on **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June** was not quite so successful with the weather. However, around 17 walkers enjoyed a damp evening walk starting and ending at The Saxon Arms in Stratton.

**Cream Teas** – Maureen Tepper co-ordinated this years well attended Cream Teas on 25<sup>th</sup> July. The sun shone brightly on the orchard and the 100 scones that were provided all went. The only complaint heard was that the cream teas ended before the conversations had finished.

**Scarecrow competition** – This competition ran for the two weeks before the Vegetable show and, once more, had a very good entry from all over the village. It was unfortunately, that with so many good figures, we had to have a winner. The witch in the garden at Corner Cottage worked her magic and scared all the crows in area whilst being awarded the first prize. All entrants are to be congratulated for some great figures and inciting much interest from visitors (and residents).



**Vegetable Show** – The village fun vegetable show produced another large entry into the spud in the tub class. Several children dug the spuds from many tubs for the judges with a harvest ranging from ½ Oz (how does he do it?) to over 4 lbs (how did he do it?) produced by John Allen - this years winner. Certificates were awarded to the winners in all the other categories with one young man seen walking home with four certificates.

As last year, after a small donation to Scutt Hall, all revenue raised was donated to the Waves Charity in Weymouth run by The Childrens Society. This year, John Crisp was able to send a cheque for £300.

**BBQ Evening** The village BBQ evening managed to be held in the orchard in spite of threatening poorer (or should it be pourer) weather earlier in the day. A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended and they look forward to next years event.

## Village Plan

John Crisp, on behalf of the Society Committee is co-ordinating progress with each group. If you are interested in contributing to any of these groups, please contact John Crisp or the contacts noted.

- **Heritage and History** – Bill Egerton leads the group that has started documenting the history of dwellings, and changes in the village.
- **Crime prevention** – Peter Jones co-ordinates the Homewatch activities for the village. Local village co-ordinators distribute messages received from the Dorset Homewatch team.
- **Conservation** – Your Committee continue to examine and comment on all local planning applications. Note that all other interested parties also need to comment.
  - A document, outlining the principles followed by your committee in their approach to Planning in Sutton Poyntz, is posted on the notice board for your information.
- **The Village Map** project continues. Work on the Map (Interpretation Panel) is being undertaken by Tony Heathershaw, Mike Nixon and Peter and Louise Sheaves.
- **Tourist leaflet** – A leaflet highlighting the features to be found in a walk around the village is also progressing with drafts produced and estimates being prepared. A grant has been obtained from Wessex Watermark towards the publishing and printing costs and it is hoped that copies will soon be available – keep an eye on the Notice boards.
- **Biodiversity Group News** John Newbould reports - Since the last *Newsletter*, members of the group and local residents have continued to collect information on the area's nature. The warm June was a splendid month for moth trapping, which we did both in our gardens and at the waterworks. July has not fulfilled its potential in part due to the bad weather and also due to our generator needing servicing. We have recently received a number of reports of the migrant



Jersey Tiger moth both in our traps and casual records in daylight. This moth is a candidate CITES species for protection with the coastal fringes of Dorset collecting a few UK records. We have surveyed the operational area of the waterworks in July and started to assess the

breeding success of Linnet on the hill. However, the Dartford Warbler does not seem to be around. Regular walks on Monday mornings start from Fox Cottage at 9.30am for around 2 hours. All are welcome regardless of experience.

## Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Val Stevens reports – We are looking forward to a full Autumn programme. We have an interesting series of speakers at our monthly meetings; the DFWI County Quiz takes place

on Wednesday 23rd September; the Skittles Team will be springing into action; the Autumn Lunch is in October and rehearsals for our Christmas Entertainment will soon be underway. We are starting a reading group and, of course, welcome suggestions for new group activities. Why not come and join us?

## Matters discussed by your committee

- **Planning Matters** Your committee has revised the process for reviewing planning applications to include all members of the committee instead of a small sub group as previously implemented.
  - **Objected** – Objection submitted into appeal process for another house behind Fuschia cottage
  - **Commented** – Peverill garage and Porch
    - Trees at Clyffe cottage and Springside – restated view of Society but deferred decision to Trees officer.
    - Tree at Fuschia cottage – expressed concern that any pruning did not damage the tree.
    - Communications mast on Chalbury hill – asked why the existing two masts could not be used.
- Your committee has initiated enquiries as to the possibility of implementing a **20 MPH speed limit** throughout the village from the top of Plaisters to the village entrance at Sutton Road. It appears the start and end of the limit might need to be marked with something like a rumble strip to indicate the lower limits. Our local councillors are investigating.
- Delivery of Newsletter – If anyone would prefer to receive the Newsletter via e-mail, please advise the Secretary.

## Neighbours

- The **Mission Hall Orchard** The Mission Hall Trust have registered the Orchard as an ancient orchard.
- A **village DVD**, reproduced by P Riley, was placed in the hall for loan by anyone who was interested. It appears to have gone on a long term loan – could the current borrower please return it for others to use!
- The W&PBC **Our Community Your Future:** Options consultation phase came to an end on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. There were several public presentations with the nearest being at Littlemoor.
- The **South Dorset Ridgeway** Heritage Project is arranging several activities of the coming months. See details on their web site [www.dorsetaonb.org.uk](http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk)
- Finally, it was very pleasant to see that **First Bus** have directed more buses into the village - as they intimated when we queried the last changes of routing.
  - We even have a Sunday service again, at last. We will need to write to them to suggest that they maintain these changes when the summer service ends.



## Your Committee Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

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